

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA**

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REDUCTION IN NUMBER OF TELECOM COMPANIES
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) has decided to cut down the number of telecom companies in the wake of the recent aggression displayed by some of the companies ;
- (b) if so, the number of existing telecom companies and the steps proposed to be taken in this regard;
- (c) whether the TRAI proposes to allow only restricted mobility for WLL operators; and
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor and the time by which the revised policy in this regard is likely to be finalised?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY(SHRI . PRADHAN)

- (a) No, sir.
- (b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.
- (c) The license conditions for Basic Service Providers permit these service providers to provide Wireless in Local Loop (WLL) services with Limited Mobility within Short Distance Charging Area.
- (d) Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) has issued a consultation paper on the Unified Licence seeking comments of various stake holders. Government will take a view after receiving the recommendations of TRAI, if any.